

1. What is the Tempe Adult Diversion Program?

Tempe Adult Diversion is an option for offenders who have no prior criminal offenses in any jurisdiction. You must be formally charged with a criminal misdemeanor offense in the City of Tempe and you do not want to contest the charge(s).

2. What are the benefits of the Diversion Program?

The Tempe Adult Diversion Program deals with participants in a meaningful, positive manner by placing them in a supervised, community based program of redirection. The program attempts to direct the first offender toward more positive and responsible behavior by referring to counseling and other services where needed. Successful completion of the program will result in the dismissal of the participant's criminal charges(s). The program participant avoids the stigma and repercussions of a criminal conviction.

3. What happens to the criminal charge(s) if I am accepted into the Program?

Upon successful completion of the program, the criminal charges brought against you are dismissed.

4. What is required of me once I am accepted into Adult Diversion?

All program participants are required to complete a psychosocial assessment as part of the program. The results of the assessment, in combination with the identified needs of the individual and the particular offense committed, will determine the assigned program requirements. Typical program requirements include individual and/or group counseling, psycho-educational workshops, high school GED classes, vocational training, and community service work.

* If the defendant is more than 10 minutes late for the intake appointment, the defendant will not be seen and the appointment has to be rescheduled.

5. What is the duration of the Program?

The Adult Diversion Program has three lengths. If you have been charged with False Identification, Selling Tobacco to Minor(s) or Minor in Possession of Alcohol, you will be assigned a three month program. All other offenses such as shoplifting, assault (non-DV), require a six month program. If you have been charge with a domestic violence related offense or a sex related offense, you will be assigned a nine month program.

6. Is there a program fee?

There is a non-refundable \$110.00 assessment fee and a *\$50.00 court fee due at the time of the intake. An intake appointment may only be rescheduled once with a 48-hour advance notice. There is a \$25.00 rescheduling fee. If you fail to attend or reschedule your intake appointment, the case will be referred back to court and you will no longer be eligible for the Adult Diversion program. Program fees for a three month program are \$150.00, program fees for a six month program are \$300.00 and program fees for a nine month program are \$450.00. Program fees can be paid in cash, by credit and debit cards and a minimum payment of \$50.00 must be paid each month. No personal checks or American Express are accepted.

**If the participant has more than one charge, an additional \$50.00 court fee will be assessed per charge and is due at the intake appointment. The participant will also be responsible for the cost of required counseling, groups, and classes. These costs will be discussed at the intake appointment.*

7. What are the criteria for acceptance into the Tempe Adult Diversion Program?

You must:

- A. Be a first time offender formally charged with a non-traffic criminal misdemeanor offense in the City of Tempe.
- B. Not have any criminal misdemeanor or felony convictions as an adult in any jurisdiction. *Discovery of prior convictions at any time while participating in the program will result in automatic revocation from the program.*

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